

October 9, 2002

The Honorable Mike Foster
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Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Foster:

As we have discussed by phone, Robert Latham of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency will represent the State of Mississippi in developing a comprehensive evacuation plan between the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. This plan will address all of the components of evacuation, including evacuation routes, sheltering, emergency response and resource allocation.

Robert Latham has my full authority to represent the State of Mississippi in the development of this plan. As Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Robert has the statutory responsibility to coordinate the development and implementation of Mississippi's emergency management activities.

The State of Mississippi is committed to working with Louisiana to provide for the safe and orderly evacuation of its citizens during a time of impending natural disaster. I appreciate your desire for our two states to work together in the development of a comprehensive evacuation plan.

I am confident that by working together as partners, we can develop an evacuation plan that provides for the health and safety of the citizens of both of our states.

Very truly yours,

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